

## STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

### George L. Zundel of Brigham City Tells of Freak Who Lectures in the East on Mormonism

Perhaps a few lines will be interesting to your readers relative to the progress of the Utah students at Cornell University. The Utah student is respected for his hard, earnest work at all the eastern colleges and he is no exception here at Cornell. There are about twenty-three students from Utah and three are from Brigham City, they are M. R. Ensign, Warren Knudson and myself.

Most of the big educators know about Mormonism and respect it and our Utah educators have scores of friends at Cornell.

However an occasional freak of nature comes along and such a freak came to Ithaca November 20, last. In the calendar of the Cornell Daily Sun of that date it was announced that Mrs. Mary C. Bliss would speak that evening on: Mormonism, a Menace to the United States, at the Mill St. Methodist Church. Of course all of us Utah students were present to learn how our church was such a menace and I must confess that I have been taught the wrong Mormonism if Mrs. Bliss is correct in her charges. This being the first anti-Mormon that I ever heard it was amusing at times and very exasperating at other times.

Just to suppose that Mrs. Bliss thought that reasoning beings would believe her was shocking.

Her talk in part is as follows:

Pictures of Joseph and Hyrum Smith were thrown on the canvass and Mrs. Bliss began to say: In one

of Aesop's fables it tells of astronomers who thought that they had discovered a sun spot but when the telescope was examined a fly fell out. Now, she continued, you people may think that what I am going to say is on the same order about Mormonism but I assure you Mormonism is no fly in a telescope and before you is Joe Smith, the founder of this menacing religion.

She then related Joseph Smith's history, saying that he was from a visionary family, and that one of his uncles had turned the heads of many New England people just before Joseph was born. She said Joseph was the black sheep of nine children, was raised in ignorance and that at sixteen he eloped and got married. She showed the usual characters of the Book of Mormon as are given by XX XX XX "The Golden Bible, found in our public library and said that in the first edition of the Book of Mormon, Joseph Smith signed his name, author and proprietor, which is true, but it was done for a reason that is well known by our people.

Speaking of Joseph's father as a dreamer, she related Lehi's dream in I Nephil, 8th chapter, and said it was Joseph Smith Sr., dream about the Smith family.

She told of the persecution of our people and that wherever they went their neighbors were soon aware of the Saints character and soon drove them from their borders. Now, Fayette, where the church was organized

is just a few miles north of Ithaca on the shores of Lake Cayuga, which can be seen from any part of town and she took particular pains to tell the people that this terrible church was organized in the border county on the north of theirs, perhaps to bring things nearer home. The Hill Cumorah is not far from Fayette.

Showing a church in Missouri she said that in that church the Mormon once got to quarreling and fighting with knives and if the outsiders had not intervened all the Mormons would have been killed.

In telling of Joseph Smith's death she said: Now friends, Smith died with a six shooter in his hand as he had had it all his life. He was under perfect guard, but you know, as a man sows, so shall he reap, and Smith reaped his reward.

She then spoke of the quarreling for the presidency and that Brigham Young by his personality got for himself the position and went on Mexican soil in order to practice his licentious religion as our leaders go to Mexico at present for the same reason. She spoke of Brigham's open rebellion to the government and said that even Joseph Smith had dared to run for president of the United States and usurped the title Lieutenant General as head of the Nauvoo Legion, a title held by no one, she said, except Washington.

Her references to Brigham Young were numerous, but she emphasized the fact that when he died he was worth \$3,000,000 and that after his death the church took \$1,000,000 from his estate that he had stolen from the tithing. She called attention to the fact that even on his monument he is holding his hand out to the bank while his back is turned toward the temple.

She even had a story to tell of how the Vermont building received its name and the church's traffic in liquor in the Hotel Utah.

Joseph and Hyrum Smith's monuments on the Salt Lake temple

grounds, north of the Bureau of Information were shown and she said we were fond of showing these to strangers. She said: It is customary to build monuments to the memory of people and erect them in their native state, but here is a great exception. No doubt she knows nothing of Joseph Smith's monument in Sharon, Vermont, nor of its enormous size.

On the subject of temples she said that only high officials could enter and that to get in a man must pay five dollars for himself and each of his many wives and he must buy three bottles of oil at three dollars per, for himself and each of his wives. The church manufactures this oil in Salt Lake and that similar sized bottles could be bought for twenty-five cents in any drug store. She said that when the candidates for administration were well greased with this oil they could go through the temple and then proceeded to tell of the terrible oaths taken in the temple and of the secret marriages there. These oaths were to avenge the death of Joseph Smith.

A picture supposed to be of the garments was shown, but was a common pair of ladies union suits with some holes cut in them and they were made to button down the back.

She said that some had a mark on the knee which meant that if they broke their oaths their knee cap would be removed.

She told them that each person was given a secret name that must not be spoken aloud. This, she said, is a Mormon trick to get to heaven, because they know where they belong so when John Jones dies and Satan tries to claim him he will say to St. Peter: My name is Moses, not John Jones, and thus he hopes to bluff his way to heaven.

The St. George and Mantle temples were shown and also a temple that she said was in Provo but we all recognized as the one at Logan.

Speaking of politics she told of the domination by President Joseph F. Smith and that Utah voted as he dictated. She said that each week the bishops visited each member of the church and told them what Joseph F. Smith wished them to do. She spoke of William H. Taft's visit to Salt Lake and how he degraded himself by riding around the city with Joseph F. Smith. Then they went to the Bee Hive house and behind closed doors Joseph F. Smith gave Mr. Taft the Utah vote. She claimed that this was because one of Mr. Taft's cousins was a Mormon and lives in Provo. As a proof of President Smith's political power she cited the fact that Vermont, the birth place of Joseph Smith, and Utah, the present capitol of Mormonism were the only Republican states last national election.

She said that the Fourth of July was never celebrated in Utah but instead of this July 24 was celebrated. Then she told of Frank J. Cannon and Thomas Kearns and their brave fight for political liberty in Utah.

Referring to tithing she showed the picture of a header outfit at work and said that the bishop or his representative was on each farm to take every tenth bushel of grain that was thrashed, etc., and that it was not a voluntary donation and then she showed the Willard tithing office.

Pictures of some miners in a mine were shown as the typical Mormon and called their attention to the fact that most Mormons were of the low Greek and Italian class and said that these poor workmen were forced to work on the mines and all the mine products of Utah and Colorado went into the treasury of the Mormon church and Joseph F. Smith's pocket.

A Sunday School class of all girls and a gentleman teacher was shown. She said that all Mormon children were forced to Sunday School and that a favorite song was A Mormon Boy, A Mormon Boy, I am a Mormon Boy, and follow Brigham Young, and not Jesus Christ and the second verse was I might be envied as a king, but I'll follow Joseph Smith. Then she showed the Mantua Primary association and I recognized it as a picture that Rev. Nutting showed me and he had taken it on his way thru Mantua. She said See the Scandin-

## FARMERS ACTIVE AT HYDE PARK

Hyde Park, March 29.—The beautiful spring-like weather during the forepart of March was well utilized by our farmers in preparing their land for the best seed and in planting wheat oats and barley. Some are fearful that the recent cold spell may damage the early blooming fruits. The buds upon the peach, pear and apricot trees, were developing very rapidly.

A great many of our farmers have signed beet contracts and about the same acreage as usual will be planted.

There are some very promising fields of fall grain east of town.

A larger acreage of potatoes than usual will be planted this year.

Hay is quite scarce here just now and the few that have it to sell are realizing high prices for it.

On Friday evening, March 27, a dramatic company from Richmond held the boards here. While we were not present, we are told that the company was a good one and deserved a far better house than they had. Quite a serious accident happened to one of the players who fell upon a broken bottle and severed an artery in his wrist. The gentleman whose name we did not learn was hurried to Smith field where Dr. Merrill dressed the wound.

The Hyde Park brass band gave a dance in the Hillyard opera house in Smithfield on Wednesday evening March 25, which was well attended. A goodly number from here were present.

About twenty of our aged parents attended the B. Y. C. drama in Nibley hall Saturday. All speak highly of the play and appreciate very much the kindness of Professor W. O. Robinson and assistants in giving them so much pleasure.

Some horse buyers were here last week, but we have not heard of any sales being made.

We have had a few more cases of mumps and chickenpox lately, but they seem to be in a mild form and the patients are not quarantined.

Miss Elizabeth Christensen is still in a critical condition.

Mr. Henry H. Seamons was kicked by a horse last week and was quite badly bruised.

Bishop Charles G. Hyde will soon move into his beautiful new home. This is a very convenient and well arranged house and will take its place as one of the finest in the county.

Alma Saunders and J. Christensen have gone to Burley, Idaho where they will work during the summer.

### DR. HARLEY W. WILEY BRAGS ABOUT INFANT

Madison, Wis., March 20.—Dr. H. W. Wiley, pure food advocate, asserted here today that his twenty-three-months old son speaks Latin as well as English. The proper training for infants and young children, he said, "consists in pure food and good language." His greatest delight—from the standpoint of his father—is when he goes walking with his father and receives his daily lesson in Latin, which he much enjoys.

Harvey W. Wiley II has never had any meat or poultry. He has never had any candy, sugar, ice cream, sweet cookies or other food of that kind. I need not add that he has never had any tea, coffee, chocolate, beer, wine or whisky. He is a perfectly developed boy, enjoys life immensely and calls his meals by the uniform name of dinner.

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